

Public Health Foundation

327. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether his Ministry is setting up a Public Health Foundation to train medical professionals in public healthcare;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; State-wise;
- (c) whether the staff welfare of many hospitals has been neglected which resulted in acute problems in management creating despair among its staff; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) The Government has decided to support the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) in setting up of world class Institutes of Public Health in India. PHFI is an autonomous body. The Government of India proposes to contribute as one-time grant upto Rs. 65 crore only to the initial Rs. 200 crore PHFI corpus.

PHFI initially proposes to set up two schools. The locations have yet to be decided by PHFI.

- (c) No, Sir. The Government is not aware of any neglect in the hospitals managed by the Government of India.
- (d) Does not arise.

Resurfacing of polio in the country

328. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of polio cases have been reported this year from one of the States in North India as also from the North Eastern States of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken to tackle in those particular areas to overcome the problem and to bring the situation in those States at the national level and by when it is likely to be achieved?